GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2798
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2001
CBI INVESTIGATION AGAINST CDA OFFICIALS
RAMJI MANJHI

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed a chargesheet against several senior and Assistant Accounts Officers and clerks of the Controller of Defence Accounts (CDA, HQ), New Delhi, and some proprietors of private firms in a special court for allegedly submitting and processing bogus and forged bills to CDA (HQ) causing anestimated loss of whopping Rs. 8 crore during 1994-97 to the state exchequer;

(b) if so, the names of all those chargesheeted and the action taken against them; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to ensure the non- repetition of the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir, details of the individuals charge- sheeted are enclosed as Annexure A & B.

(c) Necessary measures such as strengthening the system of authentication for ensuring genuineness of sanctions and specimen signatures, strict observance of modalities for receipt of bills and additional checks of passed bills have been taken.

ANNEXURE-AREFERRED TO IN THE REPLY GIVEN IN PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 27 FOR 6.12.2001

OFFICERS AND STAFF OF PCDA, NEW DELHI (ERSTWHILE CDA HQ):

Sl No.	Name and designation of the official S/Shri	Whether placed Under suspension?	Departmental action taken
1.	T.P. Venugopalan, Senior Accounts Officer (Retd.)	Yes	The Officer (since retired) has been awarded the penalty of withholding of 50% of pension otherwise admissible on permanent basis and 50% of gratuity admissible to him.
2.	H.L. Gulati, Senior Accounts Officer	No	Major penalty charge sheet was issued on 7.7.1998. The Inquiry is in progress.
3.	R.K. Bajpai, Senior Accounts Officer (Retd.)	No	Major penalty Charge Sheet was issued on 2.7.1998. Inquiry has been completed and the case is under finalisation.
4.	P.R. Suman, Senior Auditor	No	Major penalty Charge Sheet was issued on 5.11.1998. Inquiry has been completed. The case is under finalisation.

5. J.C. Sharma, Assistant Accounts Officer	Yes	Awarded the penalty of compulsory retirement w.e.f. 23.9.1999.
6. J.B. Gupta, Senior Auditor	Yes	Awarded the penalty of compulsory retirement w.e.f. 31.8.1999.
7. N.D. Nautiyal, Clerk (Retd)	No	After completion of inquiry, he has been exonerated of the charges.
8. R.N. Dhyani, Assistant Accounts Officer	No	Major penalty charge sheet was issued on 11.11.1998. Inquiry has been completed and the Inquiry Report is under examination.
9. S.B. Sharma, Senior Auditor	No	Major penalty charge sheet was issued on 16.11.1998. Inquiry has been completed. The case is under finalisation.
10 Surendra Singh, Senior Auditor	No	Major penalty charge sheet was issued in August 1999. Inquiry is in progress.
11 Stephen George, Assistant Accounts Officer	No	Awarded the penalty of dismissal from service w.e.f. 19.9.2000.

ANNEXURE-B REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY GIVEN IN PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2798 FOR 6.12.2001

INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN THOSE OF DEFENCE ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT INCLUDED IN THE CHARGESHEET:

Sl.No.	Name	Action taken
	Shri Deepak Dutt Mudgal,	UDC Included in Chargesheet
1.	(Army HQ) Lt. Col. (Retd.) PRS Rao,	of CBI -do-
2.	Dy. Director Ordnance Services (I&BC), Army HQrs. Shri Rahul Dutt,	-do-
3.	(Private Person) Shri Ashok Kumar Sharma,	-do-
4.	Asstt. Audit Officer of DGA(DS) Capt. (Retd.) Inder Bir Singh	-do-

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